

FEBRUARY 22, 1868.

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Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, February 10, 1868.

P. M. S. Co.'s STEAMER "CHINA," from SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEEs of cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo not called for within 24 hours after arrival will be landed and stored at risk and expense of Consignees.

HEO, F. BOWMAN,
Agent,
Hongkong, February 13, 1868. 256

"VIRGEN DEL CARMEN," from MANILA.

CONSIGNEEs of cargo by the above-named Vessel, will please send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Hongkong, December 16, 1867.

The following cases have been landed and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.

Ex "Tyro," 5th December.
Basket Feathers.

Ex "Dundee," 7th January, 1868.
Bags.

Ex "Cambridge," 6th February.
Old 1702
OF 38
RG 1/2
de Gracey.

C. BERTRAND, Principal Agent,
Hongkong, February 12, 1868.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & Co.,
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.
MESSRS. H. P. M. WAGHTLIS and H. ALFRE ORMANS ceased to be Partners in our Firm since the 31st December ultimo.

GAYMANS & Co.,
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868. 1mar

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself in business as Merchant and Commission Agent, under the style or Firm of KHAKEE MAHOMED & CO.,
KHAKEE MAHOMED KUTCHER,
Hongkong, February 1, 1868. 2mar

NOTICE.
The Business is hereby given that the Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. C. JAMESON in our Firm ceased on the 30th September last.

The Business will in future be carried on by Mr. S. BARTON under the Name or Style of JAMESON & BARTON, as heretofore.
JAMESON & BARTON,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 2ap

NOTICE.
AS my Engagement comes in May next, all outstanding Accounts for the past two years must be sent in immediately for payment.

MARY HASTELow RANDLE,
Superintendent.

Diocesan School,
Hongkong, January 2, 1868. 16my

NOTICE.
THE interest and responsibility of Mr. T. KEDDY, M.A., in our Firm ceased on the 31st December, 1867.

SANDER & Co.,
Hongkong, February 1, 1868. 29fe

NOTICE.
REFERRING to the above, we beg to inform the Public that we have taken over the Business of Messrs. ROSE THOMPSON & Co., and trust by strict attention to Business to merit the patronage of the Community.

J. McDONALD & Co.,
Hongkong, February 1, 1868. 2mar

NOTICE.
M. SIDNEY DEACON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration from this date.

DEACON & Co.,
Canton, February 1, 1868. 2mar

TO LET.
THE BUSINESS PREMISES, formerly occupied by Messrs. ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., consisting of 1st Floor House, Offices, and spacious Godowns.

Possession to be had on the 1st March.

Apply to JOHN BURD & Co.,
Hongkong, February 23, 1868.

TO LET.
THOSE two convenient centrally situated HOUSES Nos. 1 and 2, Old Bailey Street, corner of Hollywood Road.

Terms moderate.

Apply to THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53, Wyndham St.,
Hongkong, February 22, 1868. 22mar

TO LET.
A DESIRABLE RESIDENCE in West Terrace, Caine Road.

Also,
Two commodious HOUSES in Stanley Street, suitable for Business Premises, or otherwise.

Rents moderate.

Apply to THOS. W. BARRINGTON,
53, Wyndham St.,
Hongkong, February 21, 1868. 21ap

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, Captain J. C. SAUNDERS will undertake the Business of my Marine Surveying at this port.

H. J. DRING,
Marine Surveyor.

Foochow, August 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
WITH reference to the above, the business hitherto carried on by

H. J. DAVIS, Esq., at Foochow will be conducted by the Undersigned.

J. O. SAUNDERS,
Chop Min,
Pagoda Anchorage,
Foochow.

Foochow, August 1, 1867.

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NOTICE.
MR. JOHN HOW GUYERTON is authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.

ALFRED WILKINSON & Co.,
Hongkong, February 21, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. J. MURRAY FORBES is authorized to sign our name at Canton from this date.

RUSSELL & Co.,
China, February 15, 1868.

NOTICE.
MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.,
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.

GIFFORD FORBES PARKER,
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

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BOYD & Co.,
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vertisements.

TRAITS, 1868-1869.
DERS in duplicate, mark-
Tenders for Army Con-
ceived by the Undersigned
WEDNESDAY, the 28th
from persons willing to
quantities of Commissarial
Supplies, or for the per-
and repairing Hospital Services,
may from time to time be
use of Her Majesty's troops
Hongkong, or its outports,
commencing 1st April, 1868.
(no other than those in
receipt will be received)
Contract, with any fur-
that may be required, can
application to the Commis-
Parcying Department
Supplies and Services.
be signed by two respon-
to become surety for
pecting the lowest, or any
EDMOND UNIACKE,
Dep. Commiss. Gen.
e. Commissariat,
February 5, 1868. 26fe

ATHLETIC SPORTS,
1868.
OR'S will take place on
Ground, on SATURDAY,
commencing at 2 P.M.
Mile Race, \$2.
all others, \$1.
at 5 P.M., on the 27th
is now lying at Mean
& Co.'s—

PRIZES,
1st, 2nd,

Shot, 18 lbs., 3
100 yards, 15
the Hammer, 12
jls., 10
the Cricket Ball,
10
ss, 300 yards, 15
and Fencing, 10
ight with Pole,
3 trims, 15
300 yards, 20
ning Jump, 3
10
olders and Sall-
ys, 10
1 mile, 30
and Jump, 3
ed Race, 80 yds., 10
100 yards, win-
2 excluded, 10
Race, 200 yds.,
excluded, 8
NINAL D. STARKEY,
Hon. Sec.
February 18, 1868. 20fe

REMOVAL.
ved hav. this day Removed
REE from Praya East to
S. No. 13, QUEEN'S ROAD
occupied by the CENTRAL
PAN INDIA.
MACEWEN & CO.
in December, 1867.

AT SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Arr. Will, Brit. ship, 812,
Nov. 5, General D. L.

p.m. Erl King, Brit. steamer,
Shanghai, Feb. 20, 8
A. HEARD & CO.

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It is exceedingly satisfactory to learn that the past year has been remarkable for the healthiness, and yet more that the sanitary condition of the colony has been steadily progressing in a favourable direction for many years.

The Report of 1866 I described in my last Report as "the mildest and most healthy year the Colony has passed through for a very long period" and it is with peculiar satisfaction that I find myself able to state that 1867 has surpassed its predecessor in salubrity—nearly as much as 1866 had exceeded 1865. Indeed it is very gratifying to find the death of only 56 Residents recorded, giving the low ratio of Mortality of 2.60 per cent, or little more than half of the average rate of the last ten years, or than one-third of the average rate recorded since 1845. The epidemic of Yellow Fever which occurred during the years 1865 and 1866, and which proved so fatal in Gaoi, in Hospital, and among the poor of the town, was all but unknown in 1867; only one fatal case having been recorded as occurring in Victoria Gaoi, while not a single case of this disease was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital.

The outside public will very possibly be somewhat astonished to learn that in the year of grace 1868, there is actually no such thing as compulsory vaccination in the Crown Colony of Hongkong. The Colonial Surgeon points out that, owing to the migratory character of a portion of the population, "no system for compelling it could be enforced." We differ from him on this point. There are over 10,000 native children at present in Hongkong, and surely the executive is not so weak as to be unable to insist upon every child being vaccinated, and furnished with a certificate to be produced on demand by the proper medical authorities. He alludes to vaccination being "little known on the mainland," apparently forgetting that both at Canton and Peking, to say nothing of other ports, native practitioners have vaccination establishments—that is, their practice is recommended in native books—and that inoculation, which in its application is very similar to the Chinese mind, is perfectly well known to every Olfahman whose intelligence ranks above that of the very lowest coolie. We fully endorse his opinion that vaccination should be made compulsory, but entirely differ from his estimate as to the difficulties to be met with in enforcing any such precaution.

Upon that foul scourge of the human race—small-pox—the report says:

At the Lusitano Theatre this evening, Mr Stephen Muzzell will make his first appearance here in his entertainment called "Drifting About" and we bespeak for him a generous reception. From the various criticisms before us, all highly complimentary, and from papers in all parts of the world, we are compelled to believe that Mr Muzzell possesses eloquence and musical talent and ability of a very high order. He appears to have pleased a Hanover Square audience, and to have equally pleased the critics in other places pretty nearly—"wide as the poles apart."

There can therefore be no doubt of his success in Hongkong, which contains representatives of so many places. The entertainment will commence at 9 o'clock.

The inauguration of the Cathedral organ took place yesterday in due course, and a general satisfaction was expressed at the tone and power of the instrument. The substitution of surprised obtrusors for the former amateur choir surprised many, but was generally felt as suitable to the services of a Cathedral. A want of sufficient training could hardly have failed to be

met the occurrence of all cases of infectious

disease to such Health Officer as might be appointed, with whom the power should rest to order such case into Hospital, or to take such steps as might be deemed advisable. I have so frequently seen Small Pox recurring year by year in the same locality that I believe some such course as I have just recommended to be essential to the well-being of the Colony. As bearing upon the question of compulsory Vaccination, while the population of this Colony is so migratory as at present, and while Vaccination is so little known on the mainland, no system could be enforced, but it is not less possible to encourage it by the establishment of Public Vaccinators, who should be paid for their successful cases only, and by insisting on all persons in Government employ undergoing the trifling operation.

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General Post Office,
Hongkong, Feb. 15, 1868.

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Intimations.

THE Undersigned His Prussian Majesty's Charge d'Affaires in Japan, hereby informs the Masters of Merchant Vessels belonging to the North German Confederation that from and after the day on which these ships will hoist the Flag of the North German Confederation, they will be admitted to the ports in Japan open to foreign trade under the same privileges and rights as granted to the Merchant Vessels of Prussia by the Treaty concluded between Prussia and Japan on the 24th day of Jan. 1861.

VON BRANDT
Osaka, January 23, 1868. 11mar

Interest of the rate of twelve per centum per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. ENDICOTT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1868.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to take notice that the Fourth CALL of Two Hundred Dollars is made in two Instalments of One Hundred Dollars each per Share. First of which will fall due on the 16th of March, and the second on the 30th of April next, and will be payable at the Office of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Queen's Road, Hongkong, where Receipts for the payment thereof will be granted by the Manager.

Interest of the rate of twelve per centum per annum will be charged after the above date.

By order of the Board of Directors,

J. R. ENDICOTT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 20, 1867.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say \$7.50 per paid-up Share of \$125, and \$1.50 per Share on which \$25 have been paid, payable on and after MONDAY, the 17th inst., at the Office of the Corporation, Wardley House, Queen's Road, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors,

VICTOR KRESSLER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 14, 1868.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGIS-

TERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 16th day of February next (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

VICTOR KRESSLER,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 21, 1868.

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Agency of this Company has been opened in Macao, under the care of Messrs. Mardon & Co., and that Captain Carroll has been appointed Surveyor for the Company at that Port.

By order of the Court of Directors,

JOHN S. MACKINTOSH,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 6, 1867.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Dividend

at the rate of 5 per cent. declared in accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held at the Head Office, London, on the 6th September last, will be payable at the office of the Company, West Point, on and after the 30th November instant.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 26, 1867. 26fe

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

M. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Superior Agents for the Colony.